

UNIT 361 BRIDGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: June 21, 2025

Time: Called to Order 9:03 am by Rita Simas

ATTENDANCE

Jay, Kevin, Rita, Susan M, Kathy, Judith, Susan G, Margaret, Jennifer

AGENDA ITEMS

Approvals

(Note: When you see sentences lighted, it means **add to May Agenda** or add **to an agenda later in the year.**)

Minutes

Discussion: No discussion.

Motions: Kathy moved and Susan seconded that the board approve the May 19 Minutes. Unanimously approved.

Further Action: Susan M to ensure Margaret has proper minutes and Margaret to archive.

President Welcome Message

Discussion: Rita expressed great confidence of all board members, informed the board of her plan for the rest of the term, which ends December 2026.

Motions: None

Further Action: Rita asked that everyone review their job descriptions and suggest changes as necessary.

Closed Action Items

Discussion: Not discussed

Motions: None.

Further Actions: All board members/advisors asked to review their open action items and include in your report.

Committee Reports

Financial Report (Judith)

Discussion: Judith's written report is included. Judith shared that she is working with Marriott to get final statements and coordinating with Jennifer. Expect results in July. Table count was down from last year.

Motions: None

Further Action: Judy and Jennifer to develop Regional financial statement.

2025 Sectionals (Jay)

Discussion: Jay's written report is included. He wanted directions on specific issue. All were resolved with motions.

Motions: Susan M moved and Judith seconded that we move our 2026 July sectional/IN regional to July 24-26 to deconflict with other tournaments. Unanimously approved. Susan M moved and Kathy seconded that we move our 2027 March sectional to March 5-7 to deconflict with other tournaments. Unanimously approved. Susan M moved and Judith seconded that we move our 2028 March sectional to March 3-5 to deconflict with other tournaments. Unanimously approved. The board expressed no interest in acquiring a bill counter offered to us.

Further Action: Jay to determine how our tournament director needs will be met for our 2025 November sectional.

Communications (Susan M)

Discussion: Susan M's provided written report (attached). Susan asked that board members for suggestions for the next 361News email to club owners and the primary directors. The board agreed that there is no need for a 361Clubs newsletter. Kathy asked for guidance on small targeted groups that may need additional information from a previous Pianola.

Motions: Judith moved and Jay seconded the "Unit 361 Budgeting, Oversight, and Governance Procedures" with the addition of Kathy's changes

Further Action: Susan M to send to Margaret for posting on the website.

Growing the Game (Gale, Kathy)

Discussion: Kathy's and Gale's reports are attached. Kathy indicated that the survey results were lower than they'd like and she asked Susan M to resend. IN Social/Bridge night, Monday, July 21st at 5:00pm. The \$150 rental costs will come out of the Grow the Game budget. Kathy discussed the most recent Educational Grant request.

Motions: Jay moved and Judith seconded that we accept the Grant request. Unanimously passed.

Further Action: Susan M to draft letter to Grant requestors

Old/New Business

GNT Funding

Discussion: Jennifer shared how GNT funding has worked in the past. After much discussion, the board decided to give \$200 to each of the six people that qualified for the GNT Nationals.

Motions: Rita moved and Kathy seconded we give \$1200 (charged to the "give back" account) to Julie Clark, who will be at the GNT Nationals, to provide \$200 to those qualifiers that show up and compete. Unanimously approved.

Actions: Judith to provide money to Julie Clark.

Around the Room

Discussion: Judith commended Gale Kahn for her diligence and the results that have resulted from her efforts. Kevin agreed to track all caddies in 2026, ensuring I-9's are signed and knowing how much was paid to each caddy for the year. Kathy volunteered to be Education Chair.

Motions: None.

Actions: None.

Adjournment

Unanimous decision to adjourn at 11:05

NEXT MEETINGS: SATURDAY, JULY 19

NO MEETING IN AUGUST

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11 (changed due to Boulder Sectional)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20 (if changed, it conflicts with Palm Springs)

from 9-11:15 AM at Denver Metro Bridge Studio.

Attached: entire board package that includes the President's remarks, additional financial info regarding the regional, and Kathy's report that was mistakenly not included.